

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 440
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lynn Parker for his
outstanding community service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Lynn Parker of Hawkins County, Tennessee, whose volunteer efforts and contributions to his community have not gone unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, a man of honor and dignity, Mr. Parker retired from Eastman after a long and exemplary career; and

WHEREAS, he has provided highly commendable service to his community as a member of the Board of Directors of both Holston Electric Cooperative and the Church Hill Community Chest and as a Hawkins County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of First Baptist of Church Hill where he has served as Deacon, Chairman, and Vice Chairman of Deacons; has

been elected Baptist Man of the Year; taught Sunday School for many years, including the church's largest, his Koininia Class; and served on the Building Fund Committee; and

WHEREAS, his support for his faith is also expressed by his service with the Holston Valley Baptist Association where he currently serves as Moderator; he previously served as Chairman of the Missions Development Teams, traveled to San Cristobal, Venezuela, as a part of Mission '97 Venezuela Team to build the Palo Gordo Baptist Church, and supported the Association's effort to provide a new roof for Bass Chapel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker's compassionate service to his fellow citizens of Hawkins County is best exemplified by his volunteer work through Of One Accord Ministry where he is the Director of Emergency Services and a former Chairman of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, his laudable and voluminous good works with Of One Accord have provided tremendous benefits to thousands of citizens of Hawkins County and Hancock County; and

WHEREAS, his efforts with Of One Accord include being the driving force behind the establishment of Emergency Services in 1988 in an effort to provide Emergency Food Assistance in upper Hawkins County and to create the Free Medical Clinic, with its bilingual staff, to serve the indigent; and

WHEREAS, a boundless sense of duty has assisted Mr. Parker as he secured a donated building site and assembled a donor base to cover overhead and costs of over \$30,000 annually; he has also led and inspired a superior volunteer effort of over 100 individuals to man both Emergency Services and the Free Medical Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Parker also supervises the volunteer schedules; coordinates the Thanksgiving and Christmas initiatives for needy families; leads the cleaning and maintenance efforts for the facilities; and organizes the food donations from local grocers and distributors; and

WHEREAS, during his precious spare time, Mr. Parker loves to work on his farm with his father in Webster Valley in Hawkins County; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Lynn enjoys the loving companionship of his wife, Carolyn, and together they have cared for her parents; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Parker epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Parker for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Lynn Parker for his outstanding service to his community and to the people of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.